

PREVIEW

from The Iroquois Constitution

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Summary This selection is an excerpt, or a section, from *The Iroquois Constitution*. Dekanawidah, who is an Iroquois prophet, speaks here of the Tree of Great Peace that gives shelter and protection to the Iroquois nations. He explains why and how the Five Nations, a group of five Iroquois tribes, should come together to form a union or confederacy for their common good.



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Note-taking Guide

Use this chart to list details about the union of Iroquois nations. Then, write a main idea sentence about the purpose of the union.

Topic					
Putting together a union, or confederate council, of Iroquois nations					
Details					
1. →	2. →	3. →	4. →	5. →	6.
Tree of Great Peace = Tree of Great Leaves					
Main Idea Sentence					